

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are to impart greater clarity to the claimed subject matter and to place allowable subject matter in independent form rather than to avoid the prior art.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above identified application. Claims 1-21 are pending. Claims 1-7, 9, 11-14, 20 and 21 are rejected. Claims 8, 10-11, 15, 17 and 21 are objected to. Claims 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19 and 21 are amended. Claims 1-7 and 14 are canceled. Claims 22-27 are added.

The Office Action rejects Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7, 9, 14, 16 and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,735,228 (Tsai) in view of U.S. Patent Application 2005/0147136 (Pobanz).

The Office Action rejects Claims 3 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Tsai and Pobanz in view of U.S. Patent 5,978,393 (Felderman).

The Office Action also rejects Claims 12-13 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Tsai and Pobanz in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0101007 (Bozso).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's characterization of the disclosure of cited references with regard to the subject matter set forth by Applicant's claims and reserves future rights to dispute such characterizations if necessary.

However, being respectful of the Examiner's time, Applicant has amended Claims 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19 and 21 to place allowable subject matter in independent form in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions of the Office Action mailed August 2, 2007.

Applicant also respectfully submits that newly added Claims 22-27 are in condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits the present claims for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Lawrence M. Mennemeier at (408) 765-2194.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0221 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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